

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 19-24.

Please amend Claims 1 and 14 to read as follows:

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1. (amended) A process for preparing monodisperse anion exchangers comprising
- (a) reacting monomer droplets made from at least one monovinylaromatic compound and at least one polyvinylaromatic compound to give a monodisperse, crosslinked bead polymer,
 - (b) amidomethylating the monodisperse, crosslinked bead polymer from step (a) with phthalimide or methylphthalimide,
 - (c) converting the amidomethylated bead polymer from step (b) to an aminomethylated bead polymer, and
 - (d) alkylating the aminomethylated bead polymer from step (c).

- A2
14. (amended) A process according to Claim 13 wherein the phthalimido ether is prepared from phthalimide or methylphthalimide and formalin.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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PROCESS FOR PREPARING MONODISPERSE ANION EXCHANGERS
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a process for preparing novel, monodisperse anion exchangers by

- (a) reacting monomer droplets made from monovinylaromatic compounds and polyvinylaromatic compounds, and optional porogens and/or initiators,
- (b) amidomethylating the resultant monodisperse, crosslinked bead polymers with phthalimide derivatives,
- (c) converting the amidomethylated bead polymers to aminomethylated bead polymers, and
- (d) alkylating the aminomethylated bead polymers.--

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